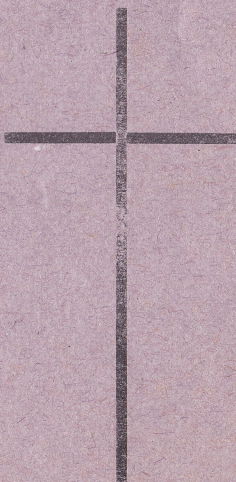


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ARRANGEMENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th

- 10.30 a.m. Bus leaves St. Stephen's.
Please be there in plenty of time.
Car-owners are asked to bring
their cars and be prepared to
use them if necessary.
- 11.00 a.m. United Family Worship begins at
Littleborough Congregational
Church.
- 11.45 a.m. Coffee
- 12.30 p.m. Bus leaves for Milnrow
- 12.45 p.m. Bus arrives back in Milnrow.

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PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES AND MAKE THIS AS
EXCITING AN OCCASION AS LAST TIME.

OCTOBER

1970

Dear Friends,

I'd like to go to church BUT.....

A is for Auntie, who will come to tea,
B is for bed, which won't release me.
C is for car - "We need the fresh air" -
D is for dinner which Mum must prepare.
E is for enthusiasm which I haven't got,
F is for foursome, which golfs quite a lot.
G is for garden, much "nearer God's heart,"
H is for husband, who won't play his part.
I for intruders who sit in my pew,
J for the jealousy shown by a few.
K is for knitting, which Mum likes so much,
L the old language, it's so out of touch.
M is for money, they always want more,
N for new tunes that I've not heard before.
O is for overtime, double on Sunday,
P the preparing I must do for Monday.
Q for queer noises which come from the choir,
R for the rector, he ought to retire
S is for sermons, as dull as can be,
T for the tale I really must see.
U for unfriendliness I always find,
V for the voice of the woman behind.
W for weather, too much rain or snow,
X is for extras, too busy to go.
Y for young rowdies who sit at the back,
Z is for zeal - and that's just what I lack.

All of us at some time or other can line ourselves up with some of the excuses of the A.A. - the Absentee's Alphabet. If we stop and think, we all realise that it isn't the excuses that are important, but the attitude of mind with which we view our church worship. To use worship just as a clearing ground for our consciences makes a mockery of what worship is about. Worship and our place at church should arise automatically from the way we see life and experience. If it is unrelated to what we do and what we are, then it is worthless.

Nor should we regard the special services, as more important or a greater spiritual inoculation. Look at October in the life of our churches. Every Sunday in this month has an importance of its own and we should be glad to worship on every Sunday. We have the Revd. David Jenkins conducting Family Church Anniversary at Milnrow on the first Sunday. On the second Sunday ALL the Congregation at Milnrow have an opportunity of visiting Littleborough for a United Service. (please note the time of departure at 10.30 a.m.) On the third Sunday we will be pleased to welcome the Revd. Robert Hamilton to the two churches. He is the minister of the Congregational Church, Durham Street, Hartlepool. On the fourth Sunday there is Family Church Gift weekend at Littleborough. This month's services should be a tremendous inspiration to us all and well worth our full participation.

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins

HOLY BAPTISM

GILLIAN DAWN LUCAS, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lucas of 16 Egremont Road Milnrow, baptised on Sunday 30th August, our minister officiating.

NADINE JOLLY, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F. Jolly, of Moorbank, Moorbank Lane, Milnrow, baptised on Sunday 30th August, our minister officiating.

PENNY JANE GRAYSON, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. N. Grayson, of Westward Ho. Bidiford, Devon, baptised on Sunday 13th Sept., our minister officiating.

IN MEMORIUM

WILFRED KERSHAW aged 84, of Overdale Cottage, Limefield, Littleborough. Mr. Kershaw died on 14th Sept. in the Infirmary after a fall at home. He was a good friend of Little Congregational Church. Our sympathy is extended to the family and relatives.

ETHEL DAWSON, ages 79, of 79 Royds St. Milnrow, passed away in Birch Hill on 16th Sept. She was a keen supporter and good friend of St. Stephen's. Our sympathy to the relatives. Our minister conducted these funerals on 21st & 22nd Sept.

HOLY MATRIMONY

JEAN ELSIE OGDEN of Royton, to GRAHAM CLEGG of 15 Cedar Lane, Newhey, on Saturday 29th August, our minister officiating.

On August 19th a most enjoyable and colourful series of slides depicting scenes from the Oberammergau Passion Play, and beautiful views of Austria, was given by Mr. & Mrs. R. Gillon. The evening was very well attended and a total of £9. 5. 0 was raised for the Ladies Guild Funds.....

.....In contrast to this on September 18th, only 15 people turned up to the "Oxfam Evening" when the Rev. G. Petts came from Colne to show two films and talk about the work of OXFAM. On this occasion the proceeds were about £2, out of which we gave a donation of £1 to Oxfam and the remainder to C.C.W.M.

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER

OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

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Tickets: Adults 3/- Children 1/6
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Proceeds for Modernisation Fund

FORTHCOMING EVENT

We are observing Sunday November 1st as PRIZE GIVING DAY at St. Stephen's. The service will be conducted by our minister. After the service, which will take about three quarters of an hour, there will be an OPEN HOUSE in Junior Church. Parents and friends will have the opportunity of going through the departments and seeing the work of the children. The Junior Church will be putting a lot on show for you to see. There will be coffee of course.

The evening service will include the dodication of Teachers during the Communion service. All teachers are asked to be present.

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

SIDESMEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

Oct. 4th	Counc. J. Harrison	Counc. I. Royle
11th	UNITED FAMILY SERVICE AT LITTLEBOROUGH	
18th	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs. A. Collins
25th	Mr. A. Bruckshaw	Mrs. F. Rae
Nov. 1st	Mr. D. Fursey	Mr. R. Gillon

DEACONS ROTA

<u>Evening Door Stewards</u>		<u>Vestry Duty</u>
Oct. 4th	ANNIVERSARY	Mr. H. Whithead
11th	Mrs. A. Scaddon	Mr. K. Hey
	Miss M. Wood	
18th	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mrs. E. Gillon
	Mrs. A. Wilson	
25th	Mrs. A. Whitworth	Miss M. Wood
	Mrs. N. Settle	
Nov. 1st	Mr. K. Hey	Mr. G. Whitworth
	Mr. B. Clough	

COMMUNION ROTA

Oct. 4th	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mr. K. Hey (8.30 am.)
Nov. 1st	Mrs. N. Settle	Mrs. A. Whitworth

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Oct. 4th	Mrs. W. Prince	Mrs. F. Holland
11th	UNITED SERVICE AT LITTLEBOROUGH	
18th	Mrs. A. Wood	Mrs. Greenhalgh
25th	Mrs. C. Hey	Mrs. D. Hey
Nov. 1st	Mrs. Graham	Mrs. Melvin

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Oct. 4th	Mrs. D. Hey	Mrs. E. Scholes
11th	Mrs. H. Fletcher	
18th	Mrs. Fallon	Mrs. A. Wilson
25th	Mrs. Brown	
Nov. 1st	Mrs. G. Buckley	

Our Minister will be on holiday
October 12 - 18th

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

October

- Thur. 1st 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Fri. 2nd 7.30 p.m. Bury & Rochdale District
Autumnal Meeting at Bury
- Sun. 4th FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
8.30 am. Family Communion
11.00 am.) Rev. D. Jenkins B.A., B.D., S.T.M.
6.00 pm.) (Morley)
- Tues. 6th 7.30 pm. Ladies Guild (Arts & Crafts)
- Wed. 7th 7.30 pm. Deacons Meeting
- Thur. 8th 7.30 p.m. Junior Church Staff Meeting
- Sat. 10th 7.30 pm. Old Tyme Music Hall (see page 4)
- Sun. 11th 11.00 am. Joint service at LITTLEBOROUGH
(See page 1)
6.00 pm. Film "FIRST THINGS FIRST"
- Mon. 12th 7.30 pm. Rochdale Group of Cong. Churches
"UKRANIAN EVENING" at Milton
(See page 11)
- Tues. 13th 3.00 pm. Ladies Auxiliary at Milton
Speaker: Rev. J.B. Hawksworth
- Sat. 17th) Youth leaders conference at Morecambe
- Sun. 18th) Youth leaders conference at Morecambe
- Sun. 18th 11.0 am. Mr. R. Beaumont (Springhead)
6.00 pm. Rev. R. Hamilton (Hartlepool)
- Mon. 19th 7.30 pm. Teachers Training Course at Manse
- Thur. 22nd 2.00 pm. Teachers Training Course at Church
- Sun. 25th 11.00 am. Mr. J.M. Farriday (Bury)
6.00 pm. Mr. T.L. Baxter (Stand)
- Wed. 28th 8.00 pm. Church Meeting

November

- Sun. 1st 11.00 am. Rev. G. Jenkins (Prize Distrib.)
6.00 pm. "
- Tues. 3rd 7.30 pm. Ladies Guild (Film by
Happidays Travel Bureau)

OFFERTORIES

August	Envelopes	Cash	Total
2nd	£6. 10. 0	£14. 6. 6	£20. 16. 6
9th	£4. 19. 5	£ 9. 10. 3	£14. 9. 8
16th	£5. 3. 10	£11. 13. 6	£16. 17. 4
23rd	£3. 11. 10	£12. 11. 6	£16. 3. 4
30th	£10. 1. 2	£16. 8. 6	£26. 9. 8

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

October

Fri. 2nd 6.30 p.m. Pilots (Cabaret)
 Sun. 4th 10.30 am. Pastor Lord (Smallbridge)
 6.00 pm. Milnrow Anniversary
 Tues. 6th 7.30 pm. Ladies Guild (Counc. A. Holden)
 Fri. 9th 6.00 - 8.00 p.m. Pilots
 Sun. 11th 11.00 am. Rev. G. Jenkins (Joint Service)
 Mon. 12th 7.30 pm. Rochdale Group of Cong. Churches
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 (See page 11)
 Tues. 13th 3.00 pm. Ladies Auxiliary at Milton
 Speaker: Rev. J. B. Hawksworth
 Fri. 17th 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Pilots
 Sun. 18th 10.30 am. Rev. R. Hamilton (Hartlepool)
 Tues. 20th Coffee Evening
 Fri. 23rd 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Pilots
 Sat. 24th 7.30 pm. Family Church Gift Weekend
 Sun. 25th 10.30 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
 6.00 pm. " (Communion)
 (Promotion Sunday)
 Thur. 29th 7.30 pm. Men's Fellowship (Mr. Arthur Smith)
 Fri. 30th 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Pilots

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Oct. 4th Mrs. Lightfoot
 11th Mrs. Nairn
 18th Mrs. F. Simpson
 25th Mrs. E. Tattersall
 Nov. 1st Mrs. Greenwood

OFFERTORIES

Aug. 16th £6. 12. 0
 23rd £8. 12. 0
 30th £10. 1. 0
 Sept. 13th £11. 0. 9

OUR MINISTER WILL BE ON HOLIDAY

October 12th - 18th

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

SIDESMEN

Oct. 4th	Mr. Barker	Mr. Nairn	
11th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Brown	
18th	Mr. Hill	Mr. Mellor	
25th	Mr. J. Holt	Mr. Ingham	10.30 am.
	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. Booth	6.00 pm.
Nov. 1st	Mr. Barker	Mr. Beattie	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

Oct. 25th	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Barker
Nov. 8th	Mrs. Hancock	Mr. J. Holt

CRECHE ROTA

Oct. 4th	Pamela Stephenson	Dorothy Mallinson
11th	Stella Moss	Brenda Leach
18th	Margery Holt	Barbara Griffiths
25th	Hilary Vincent	Beryl Hartley
Nov. 1st	Pamela Stephenson	Dorothy Mallinson

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Oct. 4th	"How to live together"	
	1 Peter : v 8 - 18	Mrs. Hancock
11th	"All Creation, Praise God"	
	Psalm 148: v 1 - 13	Elizabeth Leach
18th	"The World about us speaks of God"	
	Matt. 13: v 1 - 9	Mrs. C. Hill
25th	"God at work in His world"	
	Acts 14: v 8 - 17	Mrs. P. Lightfoot
Nov. 1st	"A world of contrasts"	
	Luke 16: v 19 - 31	Mrs. B. Hartley

COFFEE EVENING

A successful Coffee Evening was held on the 18th August when Christmas Cards, Calendars, etc., were on display and orders were taken. For those who did not order, please contact Mrs. Lightfoot or Mrs. Hill as soon as possible.

Proceeds amounted to £10 from the sale of coffee and raffles, and was donated to the refreshment stall and Junior Church jointly.

We express our thanks to all who sold raffle tickets and helped in any way to make the effort a success.

FAMILY CHURCH GIFT WEEKEND

Saturday, 24th October.

A Social evening entitled:

"HALLOWEEN EVENING"

All departments and organisations of the church will be helping to make this evening a big success. There will be a Beatle Drive, games and a Fancy Dress Ball for the children; a Whist Drive for those who enjoy a hand; supper provided by the ladies; Old Time Dancing to round off the evening. A cost will be announced later. Please support this.

FAMILY WORSHIP will be conducted by our minister on Sunday 25th October at 10.30 a.m. and 6. 0 p.m. (Communion). Gift envelopes will be handed out prior to the Sunday and will take the place of the normal envelope giving. Please give

generously and make the event well worth while. PRIZE-GIVING WILL BE PART OF THE SERVICE.

This year, prizes are not being awarded on attendance. Specific books are being given to members of the Junior Church on a departmental promotion basis. Parents and children are asked to co-operate with these changes.

THE KITCHEN PRAYER

Lord of all pots and pans and things,
Since I've not time to be
A saint by doing lovely things, or watching late
with thee,
Or dreaming in the dawn light, or storming heaven's
gates,
Make me saint by getting meals, and washing up the
plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary
mind,
And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals,
Lord, I find.
Each time I get down on my knees, for Thee I scrub
the floor,
Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time for
more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love, and light it
with thy peace,
Forgive me all my worrying, and make my grumbling
cease,
Thou who didst love to give me food, in room or by
the sea,
Accept this service that I do, I do it unto Thee.

Over £86 was raised at the Treasure Trove hold
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